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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT JAWARA SPEAKS OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. PRESIDENT JAWARA RECENTLY SPOKE OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, WITH PARTICULAR RESPECT TO UGANDA AND MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. TEXT OF HIS REMARKS, AS REPORTED IN GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN OF MARCH 12, IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE
AS YOU KNOW, THE POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARE CLEARLY INSCRIBED IN OUR CONSTITUTION, AND OUR GOVERNMENT SCRUPULOUSLY ADHERES TO THIS. THEREFORE WE CANNOT IN ANY WAY TOLERATE THE BREACH OF THESE RIGHTS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. IF THESE THINGS HAPPEN IN UGANDA, THEY DESERVE A CONDEMNATION.

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UGANDA MAY BE ONE EXAMPLE OF A COUNTRY WHICH IS ALLEGED, AND I BELIEVE WITH STRONG REASON, TO HAVE VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT IF YOU TAKE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE, UGANDA IS NOT ALONE, AND THEREFORE THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS FAR AS THE OAU IS CONCERNED SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A GLOBAL ISSUE.

IN THE CHARTER OF THE OAU THERE HAS BEEN NO PROMINENCE GIVEN TO

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HUMAN RIGHTS. THE EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ON AFRICAN UNITY AND THE LIBERATION OF THE PARTS OF AFRICA STILL UNDER THE COLONIAL YOKE OR UNDER RACIALIST REGIMES. THESE, OF COURSE, ARE GRAVE INSTITUTIONALISED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT THE OAU IS NOT AMISS IN CONCENTRATING ON ONE SET OF VIOLATIONS, HALF-ACCEPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BEFORE GOING ON TO THE WIDER ASPECTS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS ENRAGED AT THESE THINGS. BUT IT HAS HALF-ACCEPTED INSTITUTIONALISED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, IN NAMIBIA, IN RHODESIA AND IN OTHER PLACES. SO WHEN IT COMES TO OUTRIGHT VIOLATIONS AND THERE IS AN OUTCRY, I THINK AFRICA CAN ALSO TURN ROUND AND SAY THAT AT THE UN, WHERE WE HAVE ALL THESE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ENSURED AND DECLARED, NO GREAT SUPPORT IS GIVEN TO THE DEMAND OF AFRICAN THAT THE BLATANT VIOLATIONS, INSTITUTIONALISED IN THE LAWS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES LIKE SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, SHOULD BE TERMINATED.

EVEN THOUGH WE CONDEMN THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ANYWHERE, WE CONDEMN WHOLEHEARTEDLY THE MASSACRE OF AN ARCHBISHOP AND MINISTERS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED. WE WOULD CONDEMN WHOLEHEARTEDLY THE DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS OF THE LOWLIEST PEOPLE IN ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING UGANDA.

BUT WE HAVE TO SAY THAT THE HUE AND CRY WHICH SOMETIMES COMES UP FROM CERTAIN QUARTERS WITH THE POWER OF THE MEDIA WHEN THINGS HAPPEN IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ALWAYS REMINDS ME OF THEIR OWN DOUBLE STANDARDS. THEY ACCUSE THE OAU OF HAVING DOUBLE
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STANDARDS. THIS MAY BE COMPLETELY CORRECT, BUT THERE ARE NOT ONLY IN UGANDA BUT IN SOME OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES BLATANT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND EVEN IN THESE WE'VE NOT HAD THE SAME OUTCRY AS WE HAVE HEARD OVER THE MASSACRE OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF UGANDA.

SO IF THEY ACCUSE THE OAU OF DOUBLE STANDARDS, I THINK WE CAN TURN ROUND AND ACCUSE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE OF DOUBLE STANDARDS WHEN IT COMES TO MAINTAINING BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AS INSCRIBED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
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